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: OCT1P, A PROTEIN HAVING HOMOLOGY TO THE ORGANIC AND

SUGAR TRANSPORTER FAMILY OF PROTEINS, AND USES THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of application serial number 09/342,959, filed June 29, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of application serial number 09/107,932, filed June 30, 1998. ---

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1-23.

Add new claims 24-46 as follows.

-- 24. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide comprising at least 100 contiguous amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO:12.

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